[Mr. T. Kumara Pillai.]

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): There are both Government rules and departmental rules.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Can departmental rules supersede the Government rules?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): They have not superseded the Government rules.

PRESIDENT: Do not the Government rules say that the stores should be at Quilon?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The rules issued in 1907 refer to the central stores at Quilon. But, with the sanction of the Government, the stores have been removed from Quilon to Trivandrum.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): My question is whether there was any notification.

PRESIDENT: You have already asked that.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to call for the departmental rules and reconsider the whole matter in the light of these rules?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The whole set of rules is being reconsidered. A set of draft revised rules has been forwarded by the Excise Commissioner. These rules are engaging the attention of the Government.

Opium and Ganja Stock.

30. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel* cum *Vilavankod*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state:

(i) the quantities of opium and ganja written off the accounts during the years 1096, 1098 and up to the end of Dhanu, 1099, on the recommendation of the Excise Commissioner, and their value;

(ii) the quantities of opium and ganja purchased from the Madras Stores during these years;

(iii) the quantities sold for consumption during these years, and the value thereof; and

(iv) the quantities that remained in the stores in the Excise Commissioner's office, at the close of each of these years and their value?

(*b*) Has the result of the stock-taking of opium been regularly reported?

(*c*) Who is the officer in charge of the opium and ganja stores and what are his responsibilities?

(*d*) Are the Government aware that there were instances of theft of ganja from the stores in the Excise Commissioner's office in 1097 and in the previous years, and, if so, whether such instances were reported,

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the dates of such reports, the names of the persons involved in the same, the recommendations made by the Commissioner for punishing such persons and the action taken by the Government on such reports?

(*e*) Are they aware of the fact that the rules and standing orders relating to the storage and issue of these drugs in the central stores in the Excise Commissioner's office and in the stores of the several Assistant Excise Commissioner's offices are not strictly adhered to?

(*f*) If the answer is in the affirmative, will they be pleased to look into the whole matter and state the result thereof?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The member is referred to the answer to question No. 29.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel cum Vilavankod*): (*a*) (iv) "Will the Government be pleased to state the quantities of opium and ganja that remained in the Excise Commissioner's office, at the close of each of these years and their value?" അതാണ് എന്റെ ചോദ്യം. അതിനുള്ള മറുപടി എന്താണെന്ന് ഇതിൽ കാണുന്നില്ല.

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The answer is given in the statement.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel cum Vilavankod*): I beg your pardon.

കഞ്ചാസ്റ്റോർസിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ച് അസിസ്റ്റന്റ് എക്സൈസ് കമ്മിഷണരുടെ ചുമതല ഇന്നതാണെന്ന രൂപത്തിൽ വിവരിച്ചിട്ടില്ല എന്നുപറഞ്ഞു. ഇത്രയുംകാലം കഞ്ചാകൊടുത്തിട്ടുള്ളതും വാങ്ങീട്ടുള്ളതും അസിസ്റ്റന്റ് കമ്മിഷണരുടെ ചുമതലയില്ലാതെയാണൊ?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): ഡിപ്പാർട്ട്മെന്റ് രൂപസരിച്ച് അസിസ്റ്റന്റ് കമ്മിഷണർക്ക് പല പ്രത്യേകചുമതലകളും ഉണ്ട്.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel cum Vilavankod*): ഡിപ്പാർട്ട്മെന്റ് രൂപസ് ഉണ്ടൊ?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): ഉണ്ട്.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel cum Vilavankod*): അതനുസരിച്ച് നടക്കാത്തതിന് എപ്പോഴെങ്കിലും ശിക്ഷിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടൊ?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): ശിക്ഷിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel cum Vilavankod*): എന്ത ശിക്ഷയാണ്?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR: (*Secretary to Government*): The orders awarding punishments are confidential.

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